

Do's and Don'ts of Communicating with the Deaf

DO....

- ◆ Make eye contact
- ◆ Talk directly to the individual (even when they are using an interpreter)
- ◆ Use finger spelling as a means to learn signs
- ◆ Voice the word, not the letter, when finger spelling
- ◆ Try, try again and enjoy your mistakes—they make for good stories later
- ◆ Practice daily, especially with a deaf individual whenever possible
- ◆ Feel free to use pencil and paper if necessary to communicate

DON'T...

- ◆ Assume a deaf person understands just because they nod and smile
- ◆ Refer to deaf individuals as “deaf mutes”, “deaf and dumb”, “deef” or “deafie”
- ◆ Be surprised that a deaf person looks in your eyes when you sign. They use their peripheral vision to view your signs.
- ◆ Assume that the signs you learned elsewhere are “official” signs and that other people are signing incorrectly.
- ◆ Yell or speak extremely loud
- ◆ Exaggerate mouth movements
- ◆ Talk with a deaf person while standing in front of a bright light or window. This tires the eyes and makes lip-reading difficult.
- ◆ Give up!

Washington School for the Deaf
611 Grand Blvd.
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**Classes for the
Community!**

**American
Sign
Language**

**September 26-December 7
2006**

**FALL
QUARTER**



**Washington
School for the Deaf**

WSD American Sign Language Class Schedule

Beginning class for Parent & Infant/Toddler

This class is designed for parents who want to be able to communicate with infants/toddlers. **Teaching an infant/toddler sign language will build natural abilities to communicate sooner and reduce the stress for the whole family.**

Intermediate Class for Parent & Infant/Toddler

This class is designed to continue development of ASL skills. **Prerequisite: Beginning class for Parent & Infant/Toddler**

ASL Class for Young Learners with Parents

This class is designed for the young child who is 6-12 years old. ASL vocabulary, basic ASL sentences and fun activities. **Parent must attend (no cost).**

ASL Class for High School

This class is designed for the high school student who is 13-18 years old. This class will continue during Winter and Spring Quarters. **Includes vocabulary, comprehension, narrative, dialogues and Deaf Culture/Community.**

ASL 1

This class is designed for participants who have little or no previous knowledge of ASL. **Includes visual readiness skills, vocabulary, culture and grammar used for communication needs.**

ASL 2

This class is designed to continue development of ASL 1 skills with basic ASL sentences: asking, requesting, providing clarification, and improve ASL conversation skills.

ASL 3

This class is designed to continue development from ASL 2 class with complex ASL grammatical structures. **Includes more vocabulary and ASL conversation skills.**

ASL 4 (Offered Winter Quarter)

This course builds on skills learned in ASL 3 with more complex ASL grammatical structures, vocabulary and ASL idioms; continuously developing ASL conversation skills.

WSD offers ASL classes three times a year and encourages anyone with an interest in learning sign language to enroll!

Beginning Class for Parent & Infant/Toddler

1 month-3 years old w/parents
September 26-December 5, 2006
No ASL Class on October 31, 2006
Tuesday morning 9:30-10:30am
Instructor: Mel Orr
Northrop Elementary Bldg-Play Room

Intermediate Parent-Infant/Toddler

1 month-3 years old w/parents
September 27-December 6, 2006
Wednesday morning 9:30-10:30am
Instructor: Mel Orr
Northrop Elementary Bldg-Play Room

ASL Class for Young Learners w/Parents

6-12 years old w/parents
September 28-December 7, 2006
Thursday evening 6:30-7:30pm
Instructor: Drucie Kelly
Room: Clarke Hall 130

ASL Class for High School

(Continued from Spring Quarter)
September 28-December 7, 2006
Thursday evening 6:00-7:30pm
Instructor: Julia Fritz
Room: Clarke Hall 150

ASL 1 Class

September 27-December 6 2006
Wednesday evening 6:30-8:00pm
Instructor: Krissy Walker
Room: Clarke Hall 150

ASL 2 Class

September 26-December 5, 2006
Tuesday evening 6:30-8:00pm
Instructor: Jenene Johnson
Room: Clarke Hall 150

ASL 3 Class

September 26-December 5, 2006
Tuesday evening 6:30-8:00pm
Instructor: Krissy Walker
Room: Clarke Hall 130

Pre-Registration is recommended.



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Washington School for the Deaf American Sign Language Courses Registration Form Fall Quarter September 26-December 7, 2006

- [] Beginning Parent-Infant/Toddler.....\$40.00
(additional child \$5.00)
- [] Intermediate Parent-Infant/Toddler.....\$40.00
(additional child \$5.00)
- [] * Parent/Young Learners.....\$45.00
* "Sign Language for Kids" by Lora Heller ISBN 1-4027-0672-3
* Available at Barnes & Noble Bookstore @ Jantzen Beach Center
- [] High School Students.....\$55.00
*Purchase book first night of class
- [] Beginners/ASL 1.....\$55.00
*Purchase book first night of class
- [] Beginners/ASL 2.....\$55.00
*Purchase book first night of class
- [] Intermediate/ASL 3.....\$55.00
*Purchase book first night of class

Please return registration form to:
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V/TTY or
Email Nikki Ekle:
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Hearing Children throughout the
State of Washington"*

**Make all checks payable to WSD
Method of Payment:**

___ Cash
(only accepted when applying in person)

___ Check

___ Money Order

**A \$15 processing fee will be
charged on all cancelled
registrations**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER
September 26, 2006**

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Infant/Toddler Name _____ Age _____

Young Learner _____

High School Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Pager _____ Cell _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SENT TO/DATE _____